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RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action dated May 25, 1999, Applicants submit as follows:

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated May 25, 1999, the Claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bezaire, et al. U. S. Patent No. 5,758,008 in view May, U.S. Patent No. 5,043,721. Applicants have reviewed the Examiner's rejections and have studied the cited art. Applicants submit that the Claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request such action.